

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 29, 2008

S. 1193 Albuquerque Indian Schools Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on April 24, 2008

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1193 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1193 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to take a total of 18 acres of federal land in Albuquerque, New Mexico, into trust for the benefit of 19 Indian Pueblos in the state. The land is part of the former site of the Albuquerque Indian School, which provided training for Indians until 1982. The Pueblos acquired a 44-acre portion of that site in 1984 for economic development purposes. Under the bill, the newly acquired land would be used for similar activities; gaming activities would be prohibited.

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the federal land currently generates no receipts and is not expected to do so during the next 10 years. Therefore, CBO estimates that transferring the lands into trust for the Pueblos would not affect offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending). In addition, we estimate that the administrative costs of the transfer would be negligible.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Leigh Angres. The estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.